

REMARKS

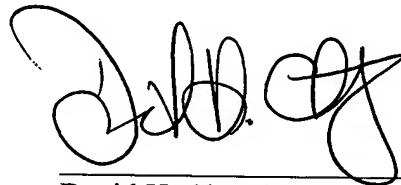
Applicants submitted an Amendment to the Office Action dated January 15, 2004, on April 15, 2004. Applicants, by this Supplemental Amendment, have added new claims 49 and 50. Claim 49, the base independent claim, includes the patentable feature of the upper portion of the idler sprocket being aligned with the upper portions of the sprockets of the tubular members. This alignment of the upper portion of the idler sprocket with the upper portions of the sprockets of the roller tubes allows the drive chain to leave the adjacent roller tube sprocket and move in a tangential direction to the idler sprocket, rather than pulling downward against that roller tube sprocket and causing misalignment of the roller tube, wear and tear on its bearing or mounting fitting, and deformation of the housing structure with which the roller tubes are mounted. New claim 50 includes the patentable feature that the circumference of the idler sprocket is approximately equal to the circumferences of the sprockets of the tubular members. It is submitted that new claims 49 and 50 are allowable over the cited prior art.

In view of the addition of the one new independent claim, enclosed is a check in the amount of \$61, as payment for the presentation of the new claims. Such total includes the payment for one independent claim at \$43 per independent claim in excess of three as provided for by 37 CFR §1.16(b) and the payment for two new claims at \$9 per claim in excess of twenty as provided for by 37 CFR §1.16(c). The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees required by 37 CFR §1.16(b) and 37 CFR §1.16(c) or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 162201

Applicants submit that upon entry and review of the amended claims and consideration of the above remarks this application should be in condition for allowance.

In the event that this application is for any reason not considered by the Examiner to be in form for allowance, Applicants' counsel requests the Examiner to telephone the undersigned before issuing a further action to discuss any objections the Examiner might have, thereby simplifying and expediting the examination and prosecution process.

Respectfully submitted,



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